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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, MNUC, SF

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TALKS

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1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY TRIP TO CAPE TOWN TO BRIEF HENRY FORD TO CALL ON BRAND FOURI. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT HE CANCELLED OUR JANUARY 13 MEETING IN PRETORIA AND WE AGREED INSTEAD TO MEET IN CAPE TOWN ON JANUARY 16.

2. FOURI OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT HE REGRETTEED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH AEB HEAD. DR. ROUX, WHO HAD NOT RETURNED FROM
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VACATION. AS A RESULT HE WAS STILL NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS THE VISIT OF THE TECHNICAL TEAM.

3. DRAWING ON THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL B, I REVIEWED THE SCHEDULE WE HAD IN MIND AND INDICATED THAT CONTINUED SLIPPAG WOULD REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A USEFUL EXCHANGE WITH AMB. SMITH IN VIENNA AND PREJUDICE THE CHANCES OF

WORKING OUT A NUCLEAR SETTLEMENT WITHIN AN
ACCEPTABLE TIMEFRAME. FOURIE COUNTERED THAT WE COULD
TALK ABOUT THE TECHNICAL TEAM QUESTION WHEN I RETURNED
TO CAPE TOWN (WE SET 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 20).
WITH REGARD TO VIENNA HE SAID THAT GIVEN PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT SOUTH AFRICA
WOULD SEND A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO THE MEETING.
THUS, THERE WOULD BE NO ONE OF SUFFICIENT RANK AND
AUTHORITY TO TALK WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH. OTHER
ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FOR THIS EXCHANGE.

3. COMMENT: FOURIE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AVOIDING A
RESPONSE TO OUR INITIATIVE ON THE VISIT OF
A TECHNICAL TEAM, BUT HE DISPLAYED NO SENSE OF URGENCY.
THE FRIDAY SESSION, AFTER EVERYONE IS BACK FROM VACATION,
WILL BE A BETTER INDICATOR OF SAG INTENTIONS. BOWDLER
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